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Local Pick Ups

Even the coconuts fell for her. Who? "THE IDOL DANCER."

B. B. Crosby of the city of Eagar was in the city Monday.

Ellis Palmer, who has spent the past week in the Gila Valley, returned home Sunday.

Dodd L. Greer, attorney-at-law was a business visitor at the County seat Saturday and Sunday.

J. A. Marquess is ill at his home in this city his friends are all wishing for his speedy recovery.

Dr. LaDue has now opened an office in the American hotel, where he will attend to your wants in the dentist line.

Boys' Suits suitable for ages 3 to 70 years. Also ladies' dresses and overcoats. At Barths.

TRULY, there isn't a dance in all screen history that can hold a candle to the one done by "THE IDOL DANCER." You MUST see her.

Reuel Jarvis and family are now living at the Stinking spring ranch taking the place vacated by Mr. A. L. Truax and family.

Raisens, currants, figs, walnuts, almonds, peanuts, pinons, apples, oranges, mince meat and mixed candies. At Barth's.

Have you paid your assessment with the St. Johns Irrigation Company. Only one day left, better get busy.

Roy Tanner, D. W. Rogers and Esther and Maud Isaacson were visitors at Holbrook last Saturday and Sunday.

A MIXTURE—Vivacious France, Inscrutable Java, Languorous Samoa, and MUCH Shimmy that's "THE IDOL DANCER." You'll lose your heart to this girl. Sure Fire. At Columbia Theater Friday. One Show Only.

Miss Katie Karnes, who has been at the Central telephone office in St. Johns for the past several months, will leave for Phoenix Sunday.

Raisens, currants, figs, walnuts, almonds, peanuts, pinons, apples, oranges, mince meat and mixed candies. At Barth's.

Mrs. John H. Plumb is spending a few weeks visiting with her daughters. Mrs. Brawley and Mrs. Wiltbank, at Eagar.

Mrs. M. J. Norton and children who have spent the past month with relatives at Phoenix returned home Sunday. They were met at Holbrook, by Mr. Norton.

When the freckled faced missionary's kid and a native boy of his own age have an argument about religion there's some laughable excitement in "THE IDOL DANCER." At Columbia Theater Friday. One show only.

A party of friends gathered at E. R. DeWitt home last Monday night and gave Mrs. James DeWitt a shower in honor of their recent marriage. After the guests were all gathered a light lunch was served.

Mrs. LaDue and three children wife and children of Dr. La Due, dentist, who has been in St. Johns for the past few weeks, arrived in the city this week. We are informed that they may make St. Johns their home.

The following is a list of those who tried the examination for teachers, held at the office of county school superintendent last week: Mr. Welch of Concho, Emer Plumb, James DeWitt, Albert Jarvis, Velma Thompson, and Mary Blanch Napier of St. Johns and Mrs. Sides of Floy.

The Improvement of Rural Schools.

BY ELDWOOD P. CUBBERLEY

THE PROBLEM

The next thought was to improve the instruction by modifying and enriching it, and by adjusting it more fully to the needs of country life. This was a fruitful idea. During the late nineties, a form of generalized nature study was introduced into many rural schools. An attempt has since been made to transform this into instruction in agriculture. Economic needs have greatly stimulated this movement, and no addition to our elementary school system has ever been adopted with the rapidity or the enthusiasm which has been witnessed in the case of agriculture. State and county courses of study have required such instructions to be given, state laws have added the subject to the list of examination subjects for teachers' certificates, and many normal schools have added courses in it to their curriculum. The general introduction of the subject has been so rapid that both normal schools and teachers have found themselves unprepared to give the instruction. The net result, however, has been to awaken a new interest in the rural school, and to reveal more clearly the need of a further reorganization of it.

Manual training, domestic science, and household arts have also been seen to have real value in the education of country boys and girls, but the problems of how to introduce this new instruction is still in large part unsolved. In most cases the mere recognition of the need and the value of such instructions has only served to reveal more clearly the utter inadequacy of the present rural school organization to cope successfully with constructive problems. Something has been accomplished, of course, but nothing of what might have been done under a better form of organization and management.

Recently attempts have been made to improve the trustee, feeling that perhaps the source of the trouble lay there. In some states a trustees' day has been set apart in connection with the county teachers' institute, and, in a number of others, within the past four or five years, annual county conventions of school trustees have been provided for. Under the latter plan one trustee at least from each board is expected to attend, usually a one-day session, and he is paid his expenses and a small per diem allowance for attendance. Questions of school management and finance are considered, the aim being to get the trustees present to see and to provide for some of those common needs of the rural school that, to the county superintendent, are almost self-evident. No doubt much is learned by the trustees present, and the net result probably will be a slow improvement in rural school conditions. But the method is a slow one, and the trustees change about as fast as they are educated.

One of the most serious obstacles to educational progress in the rural schools is presented by these hundreds of school trustees, who, as a rule, know little about educational needs or progress. As a body they are exceedingly conservative, and hard to educate; they usually possess important powers; and, because they control the purse-strings, they frequently assume an authority unwarranted by their knowledge of school work. Whatever is gained through school trustees' conventions is of course a direct gain, but it is a tonic rather than a cure, and no great or rapid progress in rural education, organization or management can be expected from this source. The problem of the improvement of the rural schools is altogether too deep-rooted a problem to be solved by any such superficial remedy.

Something has been done to improve the schools, too, through legislative limitations. In most of the states the old district meeting, once so common, so powerful, and a source of so much ill feeling, has been reduced in functions until an annual school election is about all that is left of it. The power of the district meeting to designate the teacher has gone, and the power of the district trustees to employ almost any kind of teacher at low wages is fast disappearing.

To Be Continued.

After 27 years in The Cash Store E. I. Whiting is arranging for a new manager of that part of his business. On Jan. 1, the charge books will be put away and everything placed on a cash basis.

We have always believed that to sell for cash and sell for less was the better way. And we wish them success. The lumber and garage interests will not be affected by the deal.

Last week Eagar had the burial ground all fixed up to bury the kiddies of school district No. 11 when they went up there to play basket ball and volley ball, but before the games were ended it was found that Eagar kiddies had to occupy at least one half of the burial ground prepared for others. Come again Eagar.

Mrs. Pauline Plumb, who has been in St. Johns for the past month visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Waite, left last Saturday to join her husband, who is attending school at Phoenix. She was accompanied to Holbrook by her parents.

Mr. Wilson of Magdalena N. M. son of Grandma Wilson of this city, spent a few days visiting with his mother the latter part of last week and the first of this week.

H. Jesse Marble Dead.

Word has just reached us that H. Jesse Marble of Vernon Ariz. has answered the last call. Mr. Marble and family had moved to Eagar for the winter for the purpose of placing their children in school. Last Saturday their infant babe died of Whooping cough and on Sunday night Mr. Marble died. He had been in ill health for the past year or two and gradually became worse until death came to his relief Sunday night.

He leaves a wife and eight children to mourn his untimely end. In 1904 he was married to Miss Libby Sanders of Concho and from that union there has sprung nine children, eight of whom are living.

Jesse is a son of Henry L. Marble of Vernon and was a young man being in his early forties. His friends were many and all are sad indeed over his untimely demise, and the sympathy of all goes out to the bereaved wife and children.

Schuster's Entertain

Last Saturday night the A. & B. Schuster Company of Holbrook celebrated the opening of their big new ware house with a big dance and feed. The building is an immense one and some three or four hundred people attended


the dance and feed. Quite number of St. Johns people were in attendance. The spread consisted of sandwiches, pie, cake, apples, candy, coffee, and many other good things to eat. All went away voting that the Schuster Company were royal hosts.

The Cantata.

Friday, December 22, Prof. J. Alfred Anderson will present, "The Vision" a sacred historical Cantata, words and music by the famous Evan Stephens. Mr. Anderson has been working on this Cantata for the past two months and from all reports it is going to be a grand success and judging the coming event by those that have taken place in the past under Prof. Anderson's management we bespeak a very successful evening's entertainment.

The story was composed especially for the Centennial celebration of the vision given to the Boy Prophet Joseph Smith, in which the Father and Son appeared in person, restoring to earth the everlasting gospel and opening the "Dispensation of the Fullness of Times."

The cantata will be made up from the High School boys and girls. A Tenor Solo, Female chorus, Male chorus, mixed chorus and orchestra.



D. W. GRIFFITH
PRESENTS
THE IDOL DANCER
A LOVE STORY OF SOUTHERN SEAS

COME! Join our excursion to that "Ever Lovin' Land of Jazz"—the South Seas—where the swooning odor of magnolia blooms and rare personalities mingle to charm and delight the onlooker. Talk about Entertainment! You'll live a long time before another opportunity like this comes along.

CLARINE SEYMOUR, AS MARY **RICHARD BARTHELMLESS, as the Beachcomber**

At Columbia Theater Friday night, December 15th
ONE NIGHT ONLY **This feature at regular prices**